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1. SUMMARY: UNOFFICIAL VOTE COUNTS CONTINUE TO VARY, ALTHOUGH RELATIVE STANDING OF PARTIES REMAINS THE SAME. PARTIES ARE OFFERING MOST OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATES OF SEATS THEY WILL WIN WHEN THE OFFICIAL RECOUNT IS COMPLETED, NOW UNDERWAY IN LIMA. AS TO ALLIANCE, APRA DOES NOT RULE OUT RELATIONSHIP WITH PPC WHILE BEDOYA REYES SEES MANY COMMON POSITIONS BETWEEN THE TWO AND CALLS PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY WORTHY OF STUDY. FOCEP, TERMING ITSELF PERUS THIRD POLITICAL FORCE, IS DEMANDING THE RETURN OF ITS DEPORTED LEADERS AND HAS PROTESTED ALLEGED JUNE 16 DETENTION OF ITS NO. 2 CANDIDATE. THE MORNING AFTER IS CHARACTERIZED BY CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC POSTURING BEFORE PARTIES GET DOWN TO BUSINESS OF NEGOTIATING ALLIANCES; IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF THE LEFT CAN OVERCOME OLD RIVALRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. UNOFFICIAL VOTE PROJECTIONS PUBLISHED JUNE 19 AND 20 CONTINUE TO SHOW SOME DIFFERENCES IN VOTES FOR LEADING PARTIES (APRA VOTE RANGES FROM 1.2 TO 1.4 MILLION, FOR INTANCE) ALTHOUGH RELATIVE  
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STANDING OF PARTIES AND NUMBERS OF ASSEMBLY SEATS WON REMAIN ROUGHLY THE SAME. PROBLEM STEMS IN PART FROM FACT THAT UNOFFICIAL PROJECTIONS ARE BASED ON INCOMPLETE RETURNS. PARTIES ARE BEGINNING TO VOICE OPTIMISTIC ESTIMATES ABOUT FINAL OFFICIAL COUNT AND NUMBER OF ASSEMBLY SEATS THEY WILL TAKE, WITH APRA CLAIMING AS MANY AS 40, PPC 30 OR MORE, AND FOCEP ABOUT 15. OFFICIAL RECOUNT OF VOTES BEGINS JUNE 20 IN LIMA; ELECTORAL

COMMISSIO (JNE) SPOKESMAN HAS REAFFIRMED THAT FINAL TALLY WILL BE AVAILABLE BY JULY 2 AT THE LATEST AND PERHAPS BEFORE (LIMA 5369).

3. PARTY LEADERS ARE OFFERING INITIAL REACTIONS TO ELECTION AND SOME HINTS ABOUT THE FUTURE. APRA'S RAMON PRIALE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION ABOUT APRA VICTORY AND DID NOT RULE OUT ALLIANCE WITH PPC; HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MUST BE STUDIED WITHIN THE APRA LEADERSHIP.

4. PPC'S BEDOYA REYES, WHILE CONCEDED PLURALITY TO APRA, ALSO CLAIMED "UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS" IN THE CAMPAIGN WHICH HE SAID PITTED A RECENTLY REJUVENATED PARTY (PPC) AGAINST ONE WITH A 50 YEAR HISTORY (APRA). RATHER GRATUITOUSLY, BEDOYA, REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAS NO ASPIRATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ASSEMBLY, SINCE HE CONSIDERED THE JOB "A WASTE OF TIME," A COMMENT THAT MAY NOT GO OVER WELL WITH HAYA DE LA TORRE.

5. ON THE LIKELIHOOD OF A PPC-APRA ALLIANCE, BEDOYA SAID THIS WAS POSSIBLE SINCE THE TWO PARTIES SHARED A DEMOCRATIC BASE-- "THERE ARE MANY POSITIONS IN COMMON; AND ALLIANCE DOES NOT EXIST BUT THERE IS MUCH CONCURRENCE" BETWEEN THE PARTIES. BEDOYA ALSO REFERRED TO PRIME MINISTER MOLINA'S PROPOSAL THAT THE POLITICAL PARTIES COOPERATE IN DEVELOPING A NATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN AND SAID IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES (MOLINA IN A JUNE 7 FLAG DAY SPEECH CALLED FOR FRATERNAL COOPERATION OF ALL PERUVIANS TO HELP THE TRANSITION PROCESS; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SPELLED OUT HIS PROPOSALS IN DETAIL IN HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH BEDOYA REPORTED LIMA 5151).

6. CONCERNING FOCEP'S GOOD SHOWING, BEDOYA (LIKE APRA'S ARMANDO VILLANUEVA) ASSERTED THAT PART OF FOCEP'S SUCCESS LAY IN THE PERSONAL FOLLOWING THAT SOME OF ITS LEADERS SUCH AS LEDSMAN AND HUGO BLANCO ENJOY IN SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

7. AT THE FAR LEFT, FOCEP CREDITED VIGOROUS ORGANIZATION FOR ITS RELATIVELY GOOD SHOWING (IT IS NOW CLAIMING 15-17 PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE VERSUS THE 11.5 PERCENT ESTIMATED IN THE UNOFFICIAL COUNT) AND TERMS ITSELF THE "THIRD ELECTORAL FORCE." FOCEP IS CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF ITS DEPORTED LEADERS LEDESMAN AND HUGO BLANCO. FOCEP ACTIVIST MANUEL SCORZA IS REPORTEDLY ON HIS WAY TO PARIS TODAY TO TALK WITH LEDESMA. (SCORZA AND FORMER AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE LAURA CALLER PUBLICLY WITHDREW FROM THE FOCEP LIST PRIOR TO ELECTION BUT ARE NOW CLAIMING THAT SINCE THE JNE DID NOT RESPOND OFFICIALLY TO THEIR WITHDRAWAL THEY MAY STILL BE IN THE RUNNING. FOCEP HAS ALSO PROTESTED THE ALLEGED DETENTION OF HERNAN CUENTAS, SECOND ON THE PSR LIST, FRIDAY BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. (IT IS NOT CLEAR IF CUENTAS IS CURRENTLY UNDER ARREST).

8. WHILE CLAIMING THAT FOCEP IS NOW THE LEADER OF THE PERUVIAN LEFT, A PARTY REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT IT IS "PREMATURE" TO TALK OF ALLINANCE WITH THE OTHER LEFTIST PARTIES, CITING AS AN EXAMPLE "IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES" WITH THE UDP. ON THE OTHER HAND, A UDP REPRESENTATIVE SAID HIS PARTY IS PREPARED TO TALK WITH FOCEP ABOUT COOPERATION. BUT COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER JORGE DEL PRADO, STUNG NO DOUBT BY THE OLD LINE PCP'S POOR SHOWING IN RELATIONS TO FOCEP, CREDITED FOCEP'S SUCCESS TO POPULAR INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS HUGO BLANCO, WHO WON THE SUPPORT OF "RADICALIZED SECTORS AND THE POLITICALLY IMMATURE;" HE MADE NO MENTION OF AN ALLIANCE WITH FOCEP.

9. COMMENT: THE MAJOR PARTIES ARE NOW PUTTING ON THEIR MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPTIMISTIC FACE ABOUT THEIR RELATIVE STANDING, AWAITING THE FINAL OFFICIAL TALLY. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC POSTURING BEFORE THEY GET DOWN TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT ALLIANCES OR COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS, ESPECIALLY APRA AND PPC ON ONE SIDE AND THE EXTREME LEFT ON THE OTHER. IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER OLD PERSONAL AND IDEOLOGICAL RIVALRIES, ALREADY REEMERGING, CAN BE OVERCOME.  
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